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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified patent application prior to examination:

In the Claims

Kindly amend claims 5, 8, 9, 11, 12 by deleting the phrase "any preceding claim" and inserting --claim 1-- in place thereof on line 1.

Kindly amend claims 15, 17, 21, 22 and 25 by deleting the phrase "any of claims 1 to 11" and inserting --claim 1-- in place thereof on line 1.

Kindly amend claim 23 by deleting "or claim 22" on line 1.

Kindly add the following claim 26:

--26. A composite material as claimed in claim 22 and which comprises 15-30% by weight colloidal silica, balance fibre--

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